

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 25X

# INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY Iran

DATE DISTR. 78 Apr 51

SUBJECT Political Unrest/Fear of Soviet Invasion  
25X1

NO. OF PAGES 1

PLACE  
ACQUIRED

NO. OF ENCLS.  
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE ·  
ACQUIRED

SUPPLEMENT TO  
REPORT NO.

DATE OF INFORMATION

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT 50 U. S. C., 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1

1. The assassination of Razmara and shooting of Zanganeh do not indicate a threat of general turmoil in Iran. The people are ignorant of political affairs, seldom knowing their district leaders' names, much less their political ideas. They expect little and are unconcerned about how they get it.
2. There is no political honesty among the influential politicians, and these acts of violence are the result of intrigue among them. It may lead to a new balance of power among them but no important changes in their relations with other countries.
3. It seems unlikely the USSR will try to openly exploit the situation. It has always been possible for them to take over the country with little opposition and regard for their relations with the UK, and US will prevent their taking any decisive action because of these incidents.
4. The native [redacted] are all convinced that invasion by USSR is inevitable and their army will offer no resistance. Top army officers would flee and the Iranian troops would plunder the country. Funds are being transferred to safer countries and many business men are trying to leave. They all consider the police force as being in communist hands. [redacted]

- end -

25X1

CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[illegible]